FIG.1

[SEQ. ID NO: 3]
X-C-C-T-T-G-A-G-A-T-T-T-C-C-C-T-C
5'

G-G-A-A-C-T-C-T-A-A-G-G-G-A-G-X
[SEQ. ID NO: 4]



X-C-C-T-T-G-A-G-A-T-T-T-C-C-C-T-C G-G-A-A-C-T-C-T-A-A-A-G-G-G-A-G-X

FIG.2

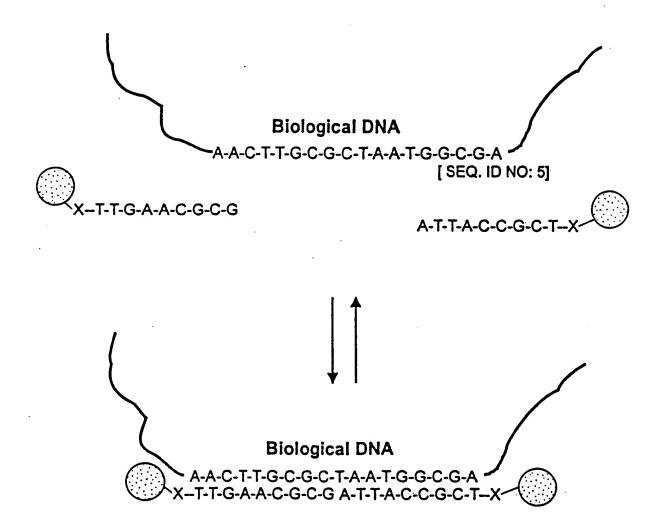
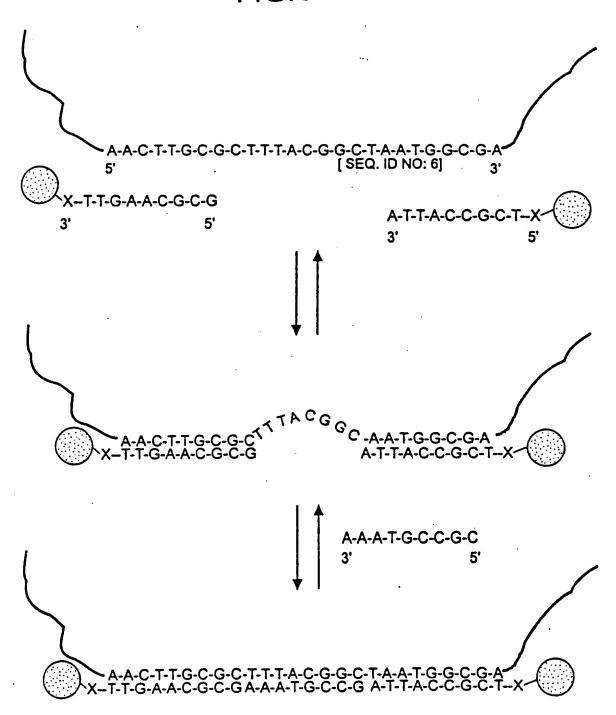
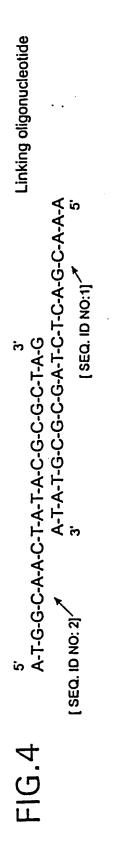


FIG.3



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Colloids A-G-T-C-G-T-T-T-X Mix below Tm Heat X-T-A-C-C-G-T-T-G 3'



Precipitate (formed by further cross-linking)

FIG.5 Au nanoparticles **Modification with** Modification with 3' thiol TACCGTTG 5' 5' AGTCGTTT 3' thiol Addition of linking DNA duplex 5'ATGGCAAC TITTT TCAGCAAA 5' Further oligomerization and settling

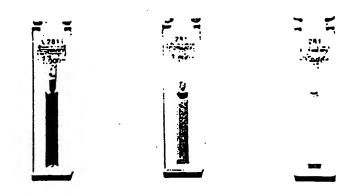
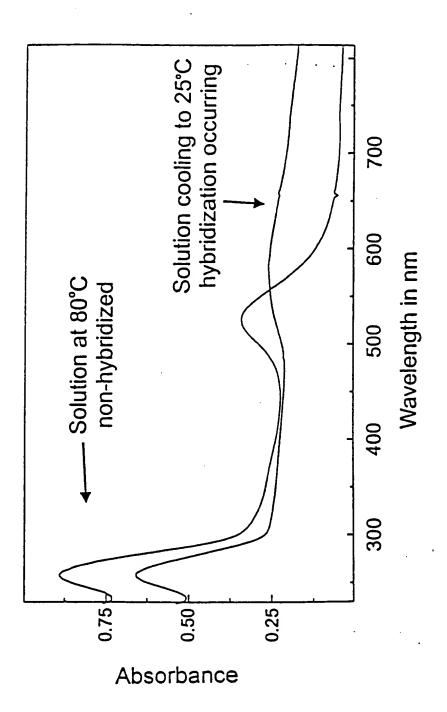
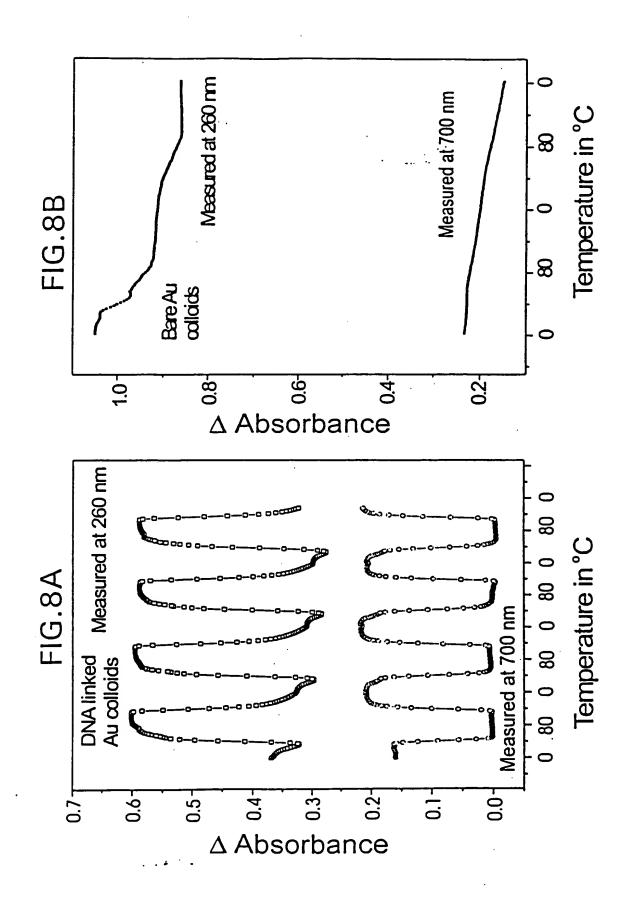


FIG.6A FIG.6B FIG.6C

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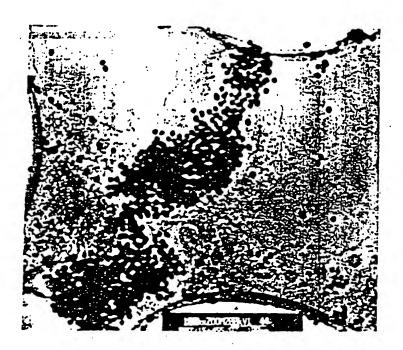


FIG.9A

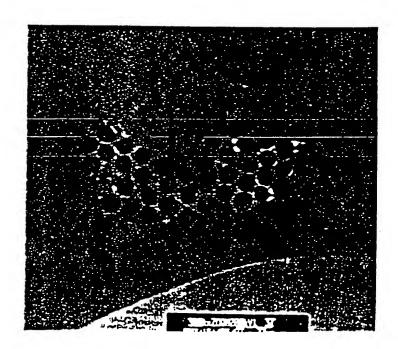
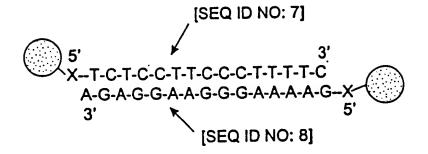
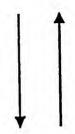


FIG.9B

FIG.10



3' T-C-T-C-C-T-T-C-C-C-T-T-T-C 5' [SEQ ID NO: 9]



5' 3' X-T-C-T-C-C-T-T-C-C-C-T-T-T-C A-G-A-G-G-A-A-G-G-X T-C-T-C-C-T-T-C-C-C-T-T-T-C-5'

FIG. 17

[SEQ. ID NO: 10]

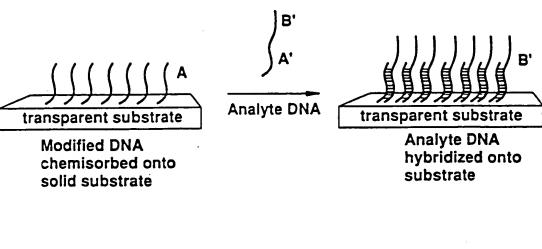
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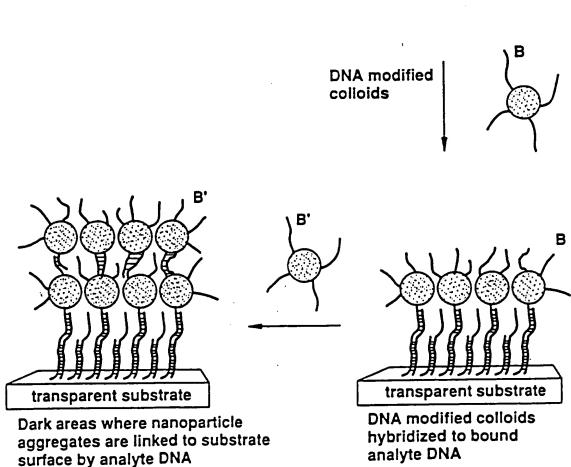
\[SEQ. ID NO: 11] T-A-C-C-G-T-T-G-A-T-A-T-G-C-G-C-G-A-T-C-T-C-A-G-C-A-A-S-7 3'

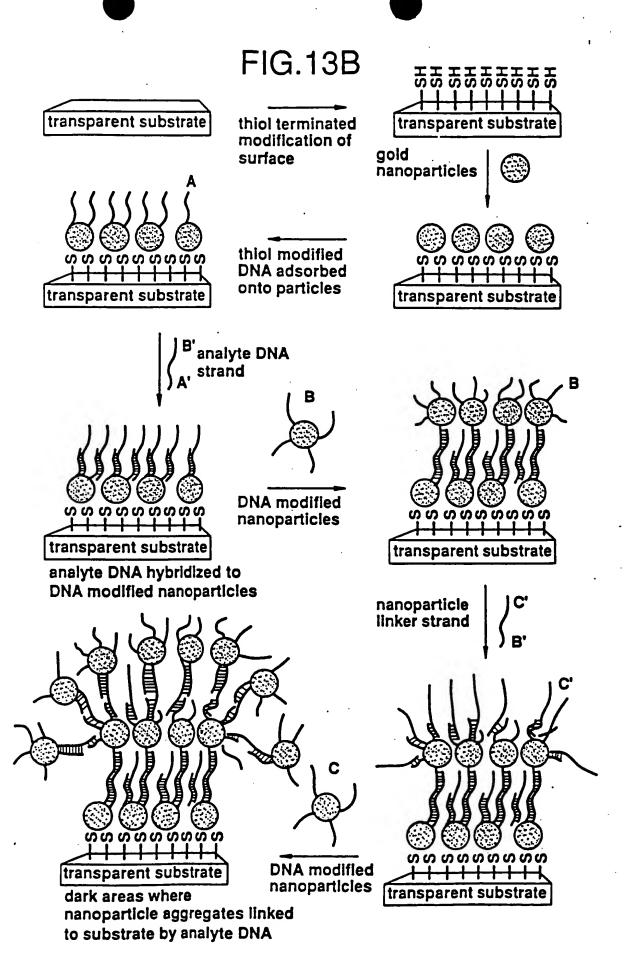


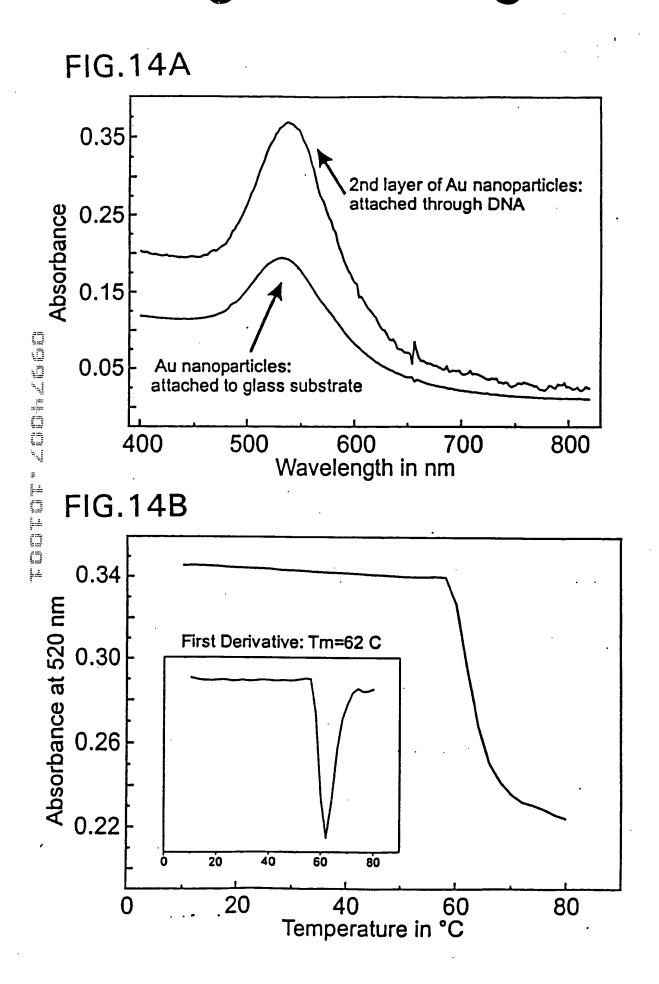
FIG.12A Complementary Target [SEQ. ID NO: 14] SEQ. ID NO:12 3' T-C-G-T-A-C-C-A-G-C-T-A-T-C-C T-T-T-G-C-T-G-A-G-A-T-C-G-C-G 5' A-G-C-A-T-G-G-T-C-G-A-T-A-G-G-A-A-A-C-G-A-C-T-C-T-A-G-C-G-C FIG.12B [SEQ. ID NO:13] **Probes without Target** 3' T-C-G-T-A-C-C-A-G-C-T-A-T-C-C T-T-T-G-C-T-G-A-G-A-T-C-G-C-G FIG.12C Half Complementary Target 3' T-C-G-T-A-C-C-A-G-C-T-A-T-C-C T-T-T-G-C-T-G-A-G-A-T-C-G-C-G 5' A-G-C-A-T-G-G-T-C-G-A-T-A-G-G-A[T-G-G-C]A[A-C-T-A-T-A]C-G-C **ISEQ. ID NO: 15** FIG.12D Target - 6 bp 3' T-C-G-T-A-C-C-A-G-C-T-A-T-C-C T-T-T-G-C-T-G-A-G-A-T-C-G-C-G 5' G-T-C-G-A-T-A-G-G-A-A-A-C-G-A-C-T-C-T-A-G-C-G-C [SEQ. ID NO: 16] FIG.12E One bp Mismatch 3' T-C-G-T-A-C-C-A-G-C-T-A-T-C-C T-T-T-G-C-T-G-A-G-A-T-C-G-C-G 5' A-G-C-A-T-G-G-T-TG-A-T-A-G-G-A-A-A-C-G-A-C-T-C-T-A-G-C-G-C [SEQ. ID NO: 17] FIG.12F Two bp Mismatch 3' T-C-G-T-A-C-C-A-G-C-T-A-T-C-C T-T-T-G-C-T-G-A-G-A-T-C-G-C-G 5' A-G-C-A-T-GTTTG-A-T-A-G-G-A-A-A-C-G-A-C-T-C-T-A-G-C-G-C [SEQ. ID NO: 18]

FIG.13A









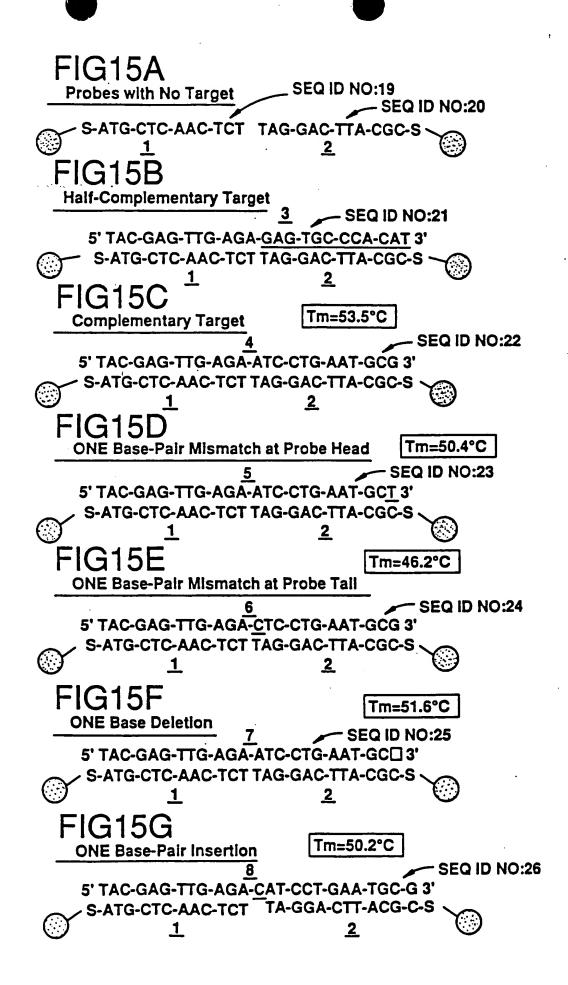


FIG. 16A 24 Base Template

5' TAC-GAG-TTG-AGA-ATC-CTG-AAT-GCG 3'

S-ATG-CTC-AAC-TCT TAG-GAC-TTA-CGC-S \

48 Base Template with Complementary 24 Base Filler FIG. 16B

5' TAC-GAG-TTG-AGA-CCG-TTA-AGA-CGA-GGC-AAT-CAT-GCA-ATC-CTG-AAT-GCG 3' >> S-ATG-CTC-AAC-TCT GGC-AAT-TCT-GCT-CCG-TTA-GTA-CGT TAG-GAC-TTA-CGC-S >>

72 Base Template with Complementary 48 Base Filler FIG.16C

5' TAC-GAG-TTG-AGA-CCG-TTA-AGA-CGA-GGC-AAT-CAT-GCA-TAT-ATT-GGA-CGC-TTT-ACG-GAC-AAC-ATC-CTG-AAT-GCG 3' // S-ATG-CTC-AAC-TCT GGC-AAT-TCT-GCT-CCG-TTA-GTA-CGT-ATA-TAA-CCT-GCG-AAA-TGC-CTG-TTG TAG-GAC-TTA-CGC-S -/

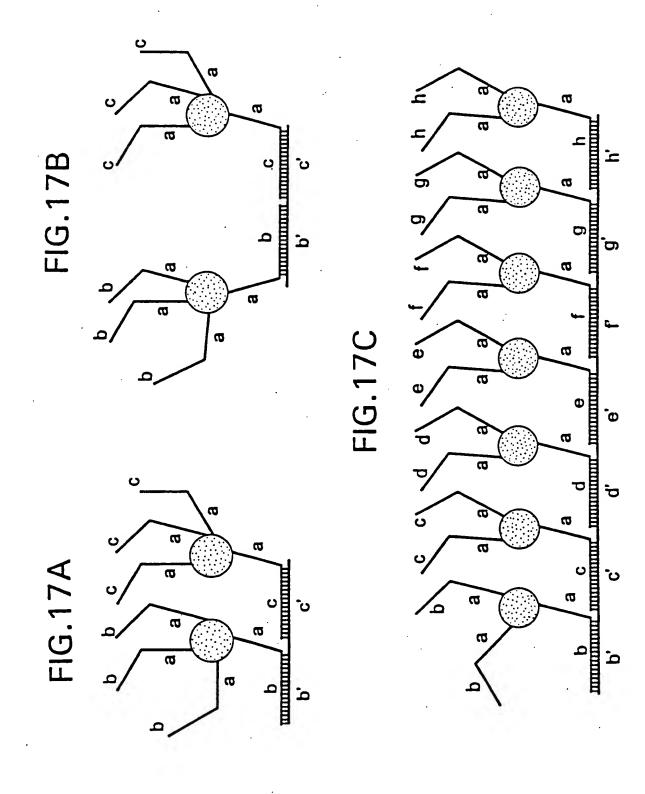


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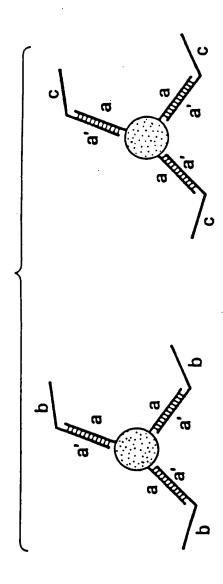
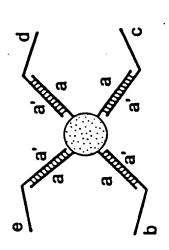


FIG.17E



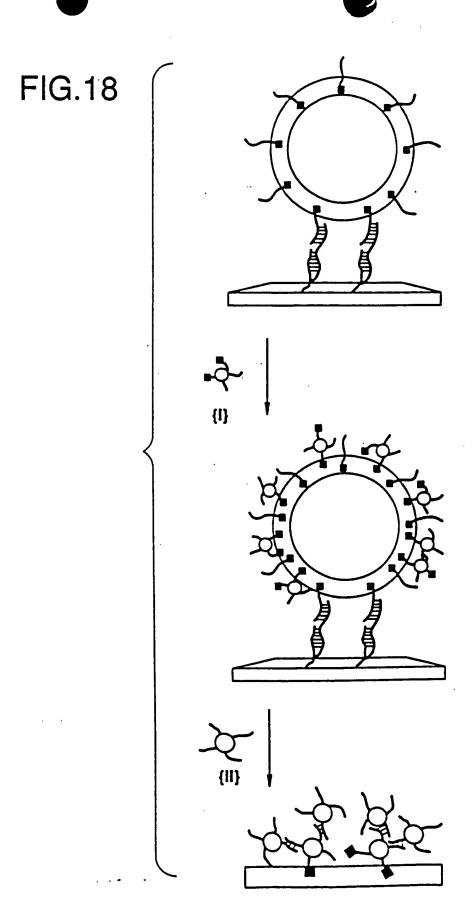


FIG.19A

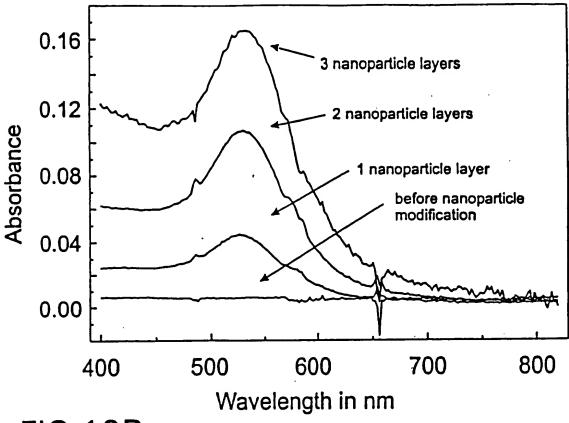
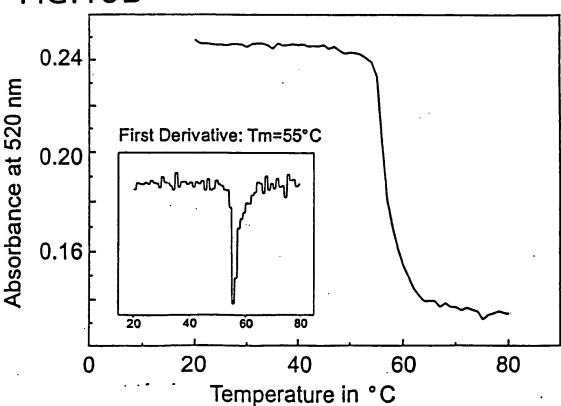
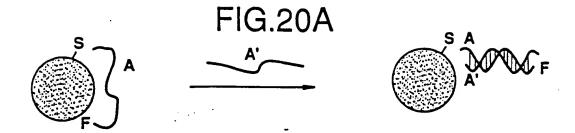
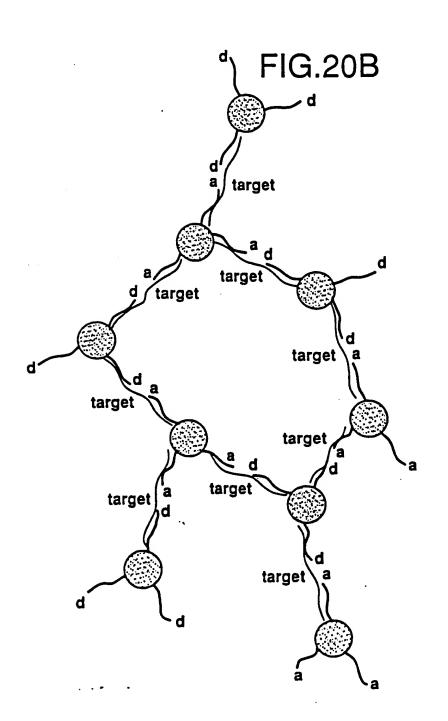


FIG.19B







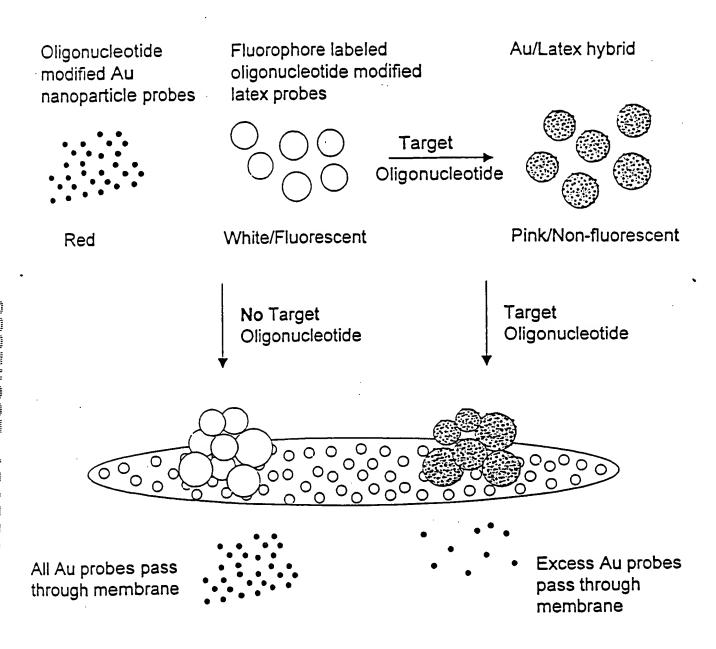
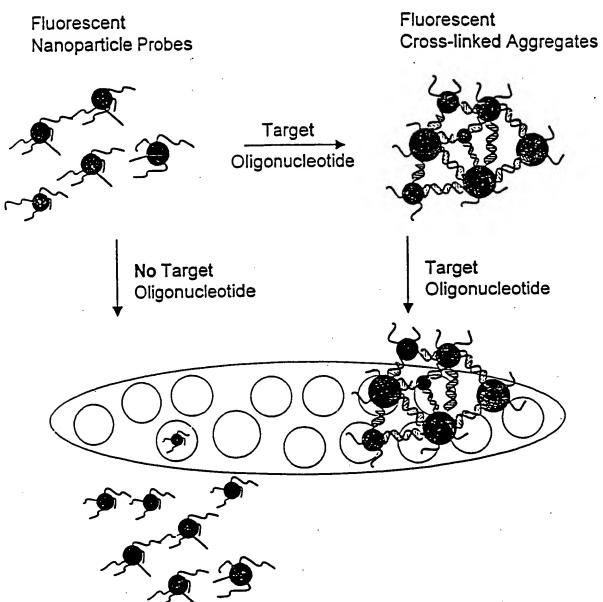


FIGURE 21



The fluorescent nanoparticle probes pass through the membrane

The fluorescent cross-linked aggregates are retained by the membrane

Anthrax PCR Product

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TCG TCA ACA GAG GGA TTA TTG TTA AAT ATT GAT AAG GAT ATA AGA AAA AGC AGT TGT CTC CCT AAT AAC AAT TTA TAA CTA TTC CTA TAT TCT TTT

ATA TTA TCC AGG GTT ATA TTG TAG AAA TTG AAG ATA CTG AAG GGC TT 3' TAT AAT AGG TCC CAA TAT, AAC ATC TTT AAC TTC TAT GAC TTC CCG AA 5'

141 mer Anthrex PCR product [SEQ ID NO:36]

3' CTC CCT AAT AAC AAT-

[SEQ 10 NO:37]

3' TTA TAA CTA TTC CTA ID NO: 38]

Oligonucleotide-Nanoparticle Probes

Blocker Oligonucleotides

3'C CGC CTA CTC AGT CAT CAA TTC CTC CGA GT [SEQ 15 NO:39]
3'A TCT CTT CAT TAA TTA AGC AGT TGT [SEQ 15 NO:40]
3' TAT TCT TTT TAT AAT AGG TCC CAA TAT [SEQ 15 NO:41]
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FIGURE 23

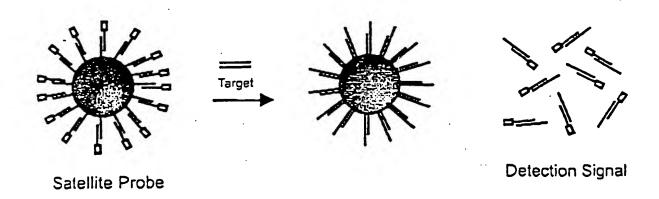


FIGURE 24

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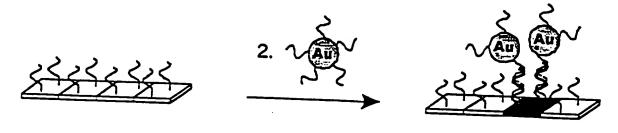


FIGURE 25A

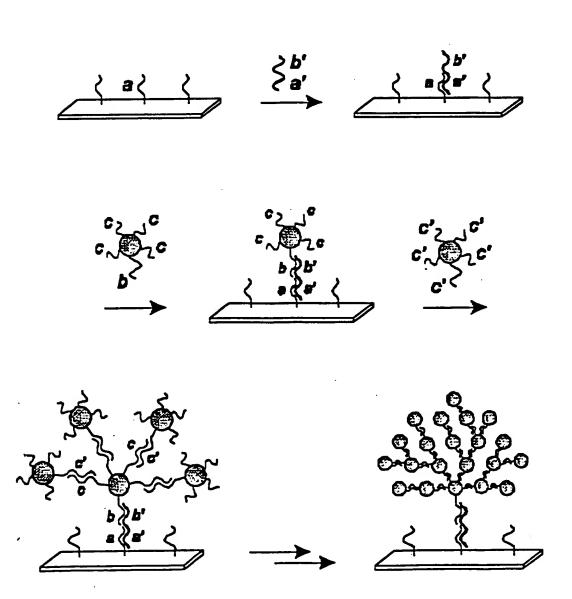


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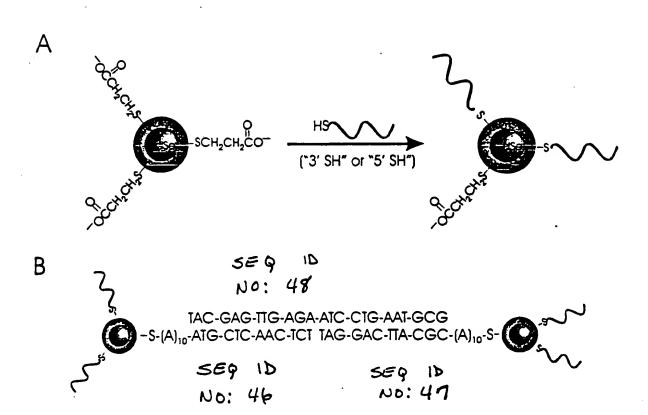
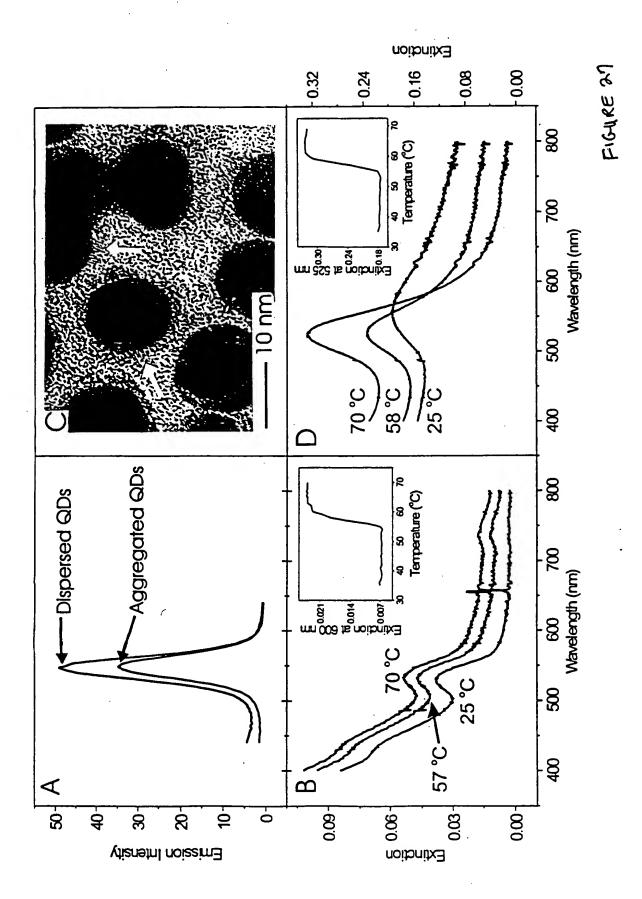


FIGURE 26



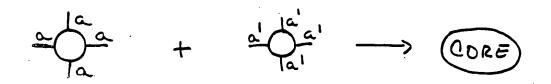


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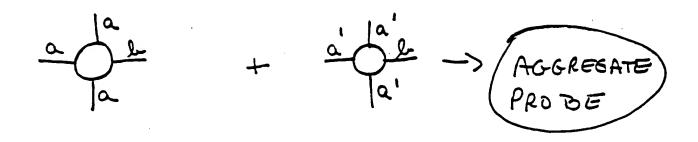
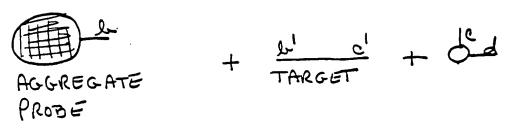
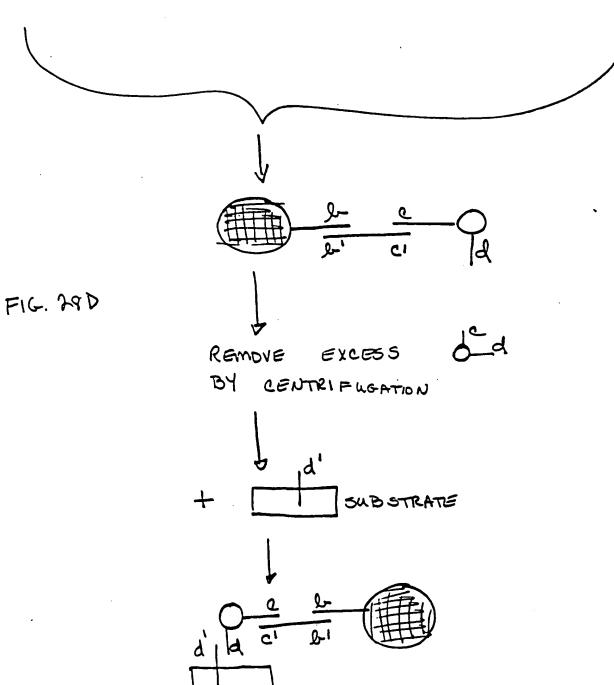
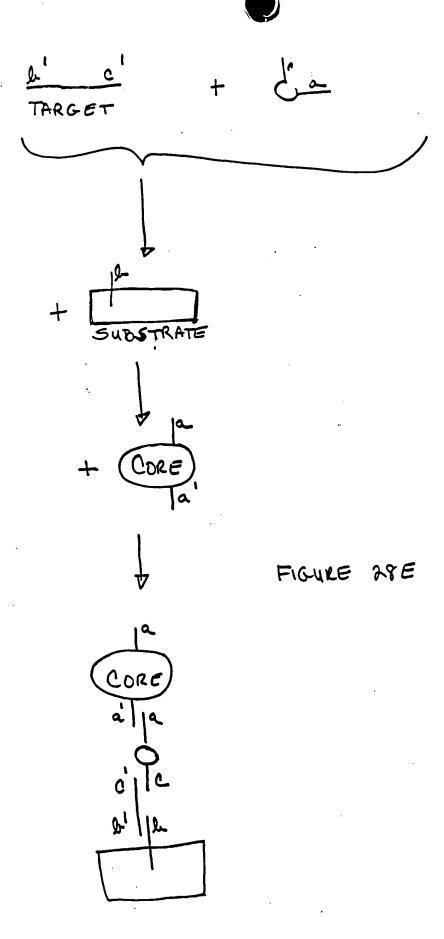


FIGURE AS B

FIG. 28C







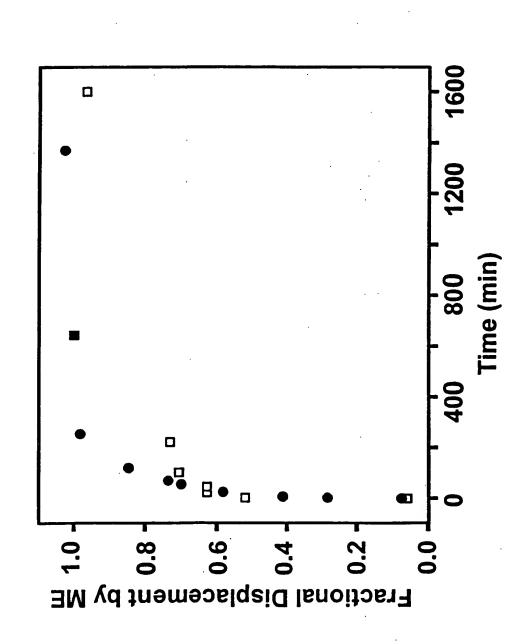
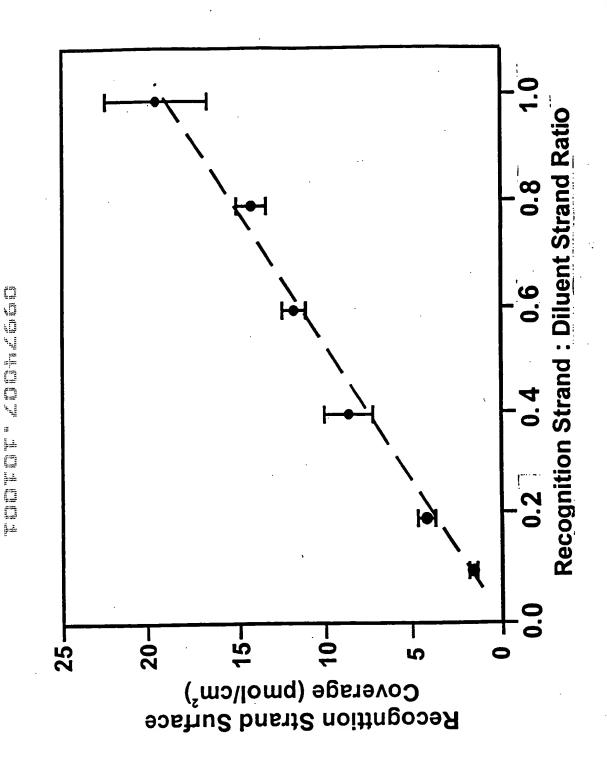
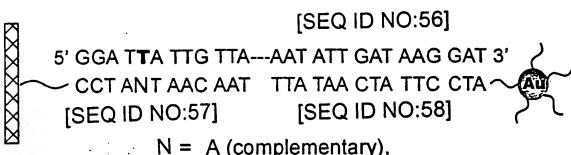


Figure 29





N = A (complementary), G,C,T (mismatched)

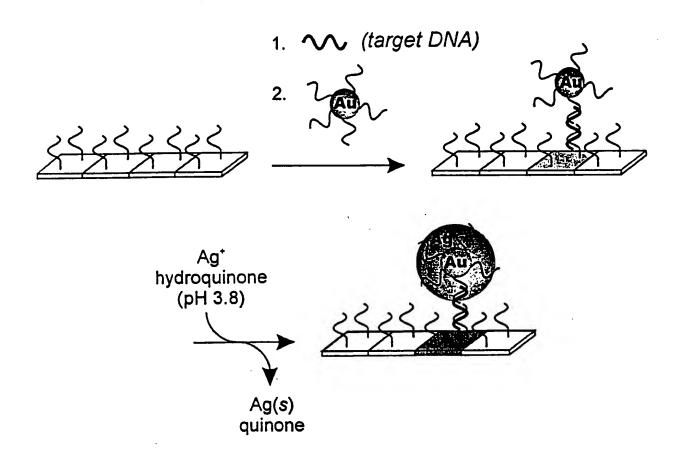


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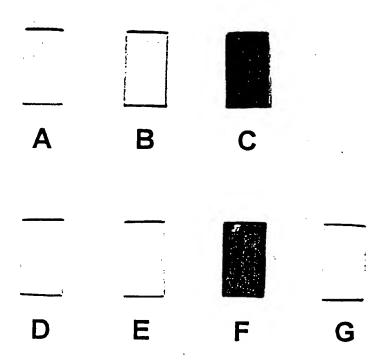


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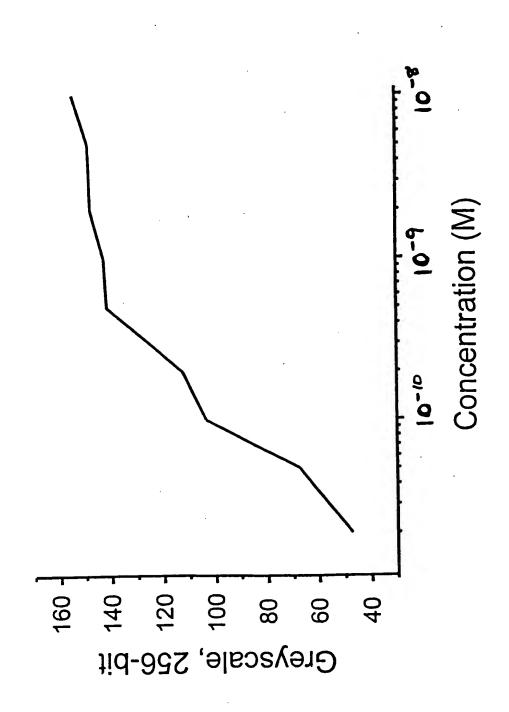


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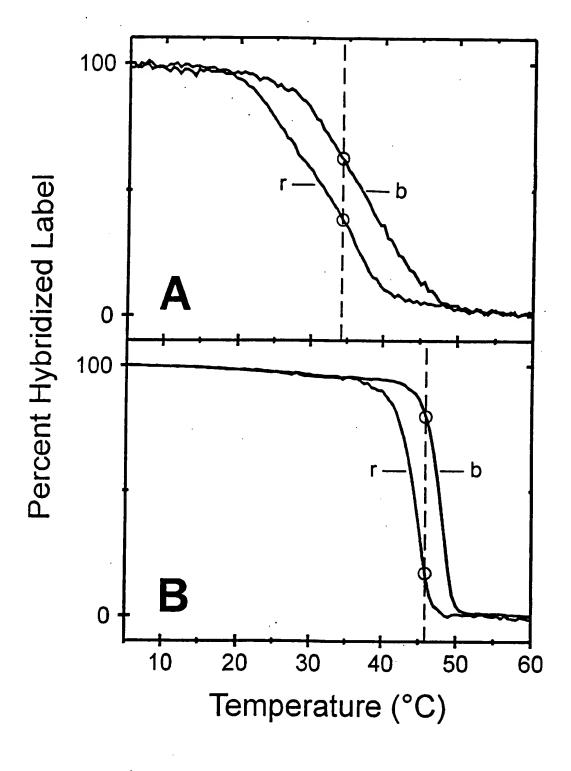
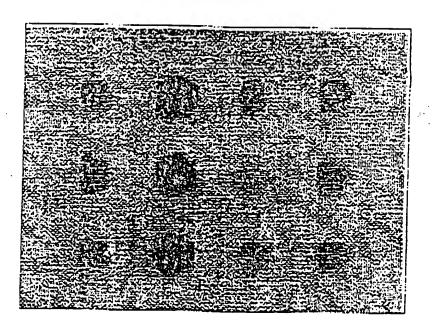
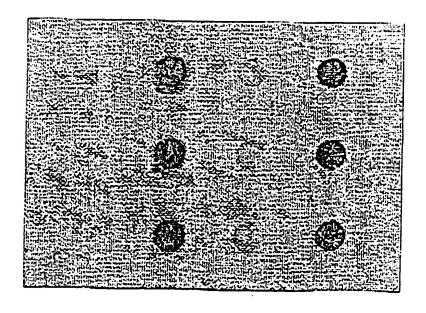


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FIG. 36



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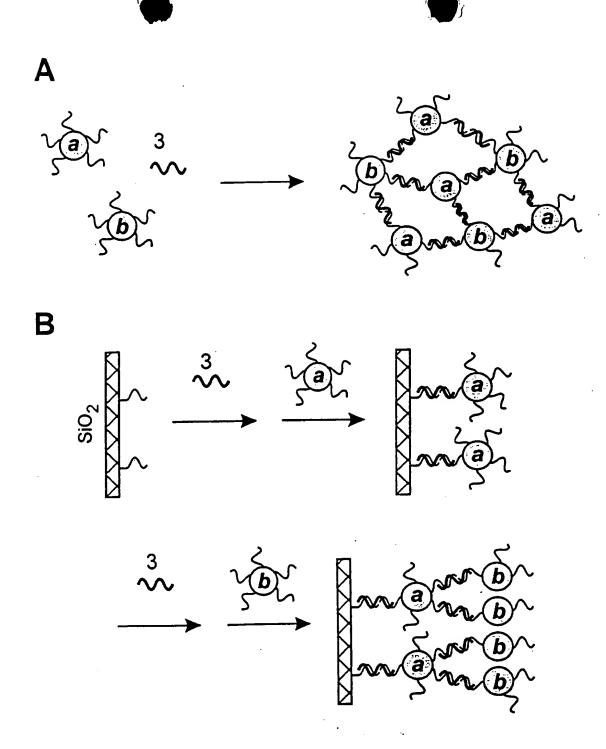


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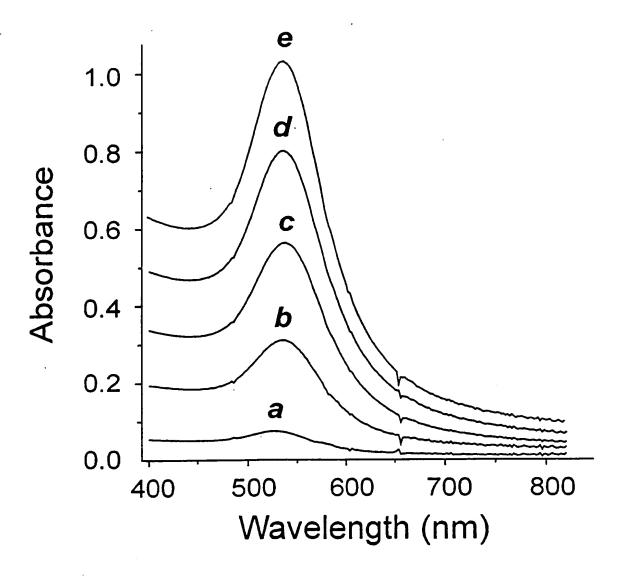


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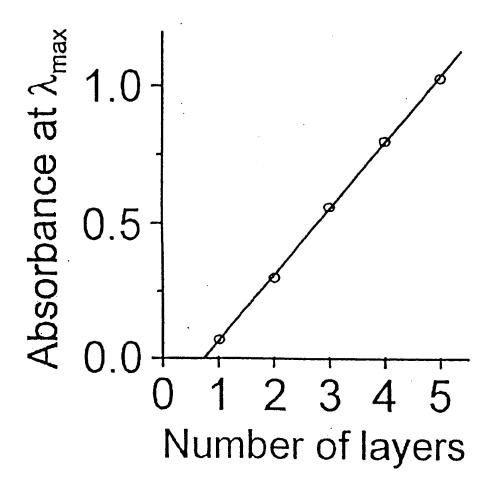


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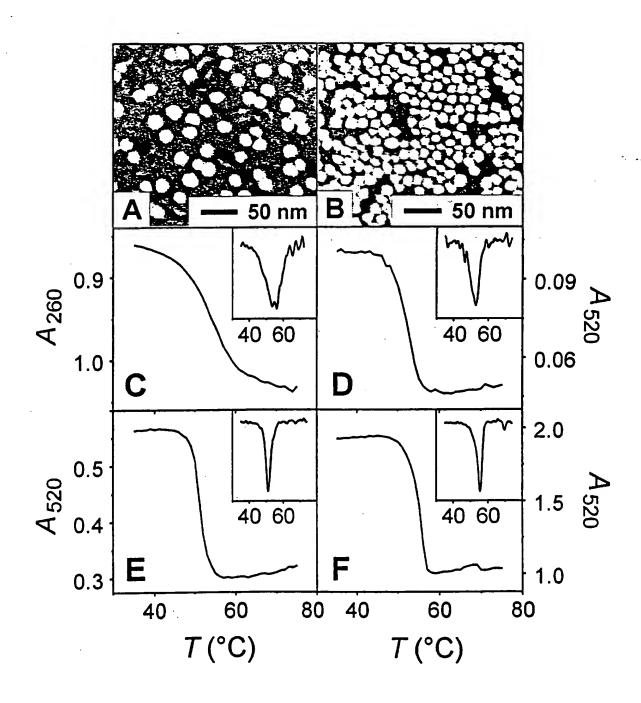
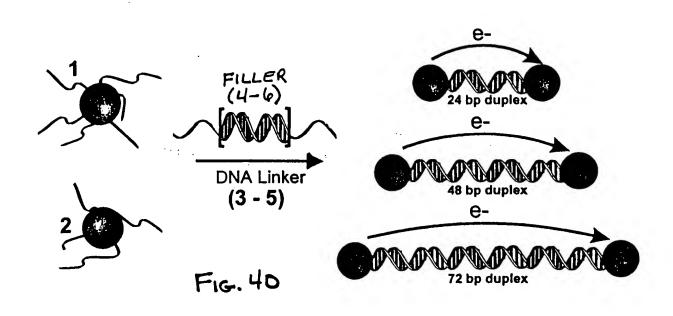


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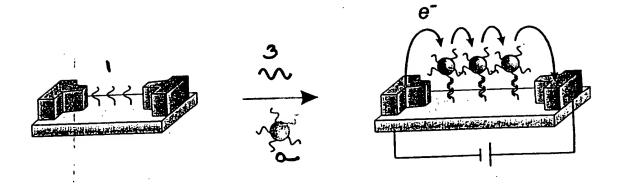


FIG. 41